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Applicants also wish to make the Examiner aware of an Office Action received in the parent of this case, USSN 09/772,593. A copy of the Action, mailed November 18, 2005 is enclosed. The claims (enclosed) in USSN 09/772,593 are different than the claims in the present case.

This statement is being filed after a first Office action on the merits, but before receipt of a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance. A check for \$180 in payment of the late submission fee of §1.17(p) is enclosed. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 08895-019002.

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